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## FOR A GLORIOUS FOURTH

If You Do Not Favor It Don't Discourage It

Since the movement for a fine Fourth of July celebration has been inaugurated no stone should be left unturned to make it an unqualified success. Anyone who does not believe in attempting to have a celebration here on that day, does not believe it would result successfully and does not think local conditions are conducive for drawing a large crowd hither on the glorious Fourth should keep mum. Don't be a "wet blanket" or a discordant note. If some people have enough ambition to get up a little celebration they should not be discouraged in their laudable undertaking. It will not cost more than a couple hundred dollars to have a fairly decent celebration, and it will work a hardship upon none to contribute a little for this cause. While the business houses in general cannot hope to benefit greatly by a Fourth of July celebration, the confectionery and ice cream stores may enjoy a good trade. And they deserve to. They are vitally interested in the city, and their sales being small a good day's business once in a while helps amazingly. Therefore, let us have a good celebration even if it does benefit them more than other business. By helping them we help ourselves. Then the children enjoy a good, rousing celebration. One only has to hark back to the days of his youth and recollect how the approach of July Fourth affected him, how his heart beat a little faster, and what a happy day he anticipated, especially if there was a celebration to be held in the town in which he resided. It is a day for young and old to enjoy themselves. A little sport, a little relaxation from business, the mingling together one with another all help to make the day a joyous one. Let us then get together in this matter and invite our friends from far and near to join with us in making this a most enjoyable occasion. If conditions are not conducive let us make the day a grand success in spite of this fact. Let the eagle scream in the fullness of its joy and let us have a day to be long remembered.

### 'Twould Look Nicer

How much handsomer it would have been were concrete crosswalks placed on the streets where concrete sidewalks have been and are now being laid? The job would look much more finished and be far more substantial. The reason assigned for this not being done was on account of the gas pipes that may soon be laid in the streets and that the concrete would likely become cracked and broken under this operation. Whether this work could be done without disturbing the concrete walks to any extent we know not, but cannot help but reflect on how much nicer it would have been had concrete been used instead of plank for the crosswalks.

### Give Her a Boost

Miss Babe Cooper is the contestant representing St. Johns in the contest for queen of the Peninsula. She is a handsome and attractive young lady and would fittingly grace the seat of honor as queen. Every person in St. Johns should cast at least a few votes for this young lady. The votes are but one cent each, and every vote counts. Boxes may be found at Hendricks' Hardware store and Unger's cigar store. Vote early and often.

### Dock is All Right

Many of those who attended Memorial exercises at the new city dock Monday were agreeably surprised at the commodiousness and substantiality of that structure. Few people realize just what an admirable dock we now possess, and the only way in which to get a proper conception of just how fine it is to give it a visit.

## BID FOR DOCK ACCEPTED

All Hinges on Connection With the Railroad

Bids for the lease of the new city dock were opened at the city hall at an adjourned meeting of the city council last Friday evening, and the dock was awarded for a period of five years to W. J. Gearin, as being the most satisfactory and best bid received. Mr. Gearin has his headquarters in Portland and has no interest in any other dock. His bid was \$400 per month for the first year; \$450 per month for the second year and \$500 per month for the remaining three years. According to his statement accompanying the bid he will use it for shipping and grain exporting business and expects to handle from fifty to seventy-five thousand tons annually with a pay roll of from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars per year, and that he will install a cleaning plant suitable for handling grain at an expense of about ten thousand dollars. The offer is made with the distinct understanding that the city will cause said dock to be connected by suitable switches and railroad track with either the O. R. & N. or the North Bank road, and that switching rights and privileges be granted on or before September 1st, the monthly rental to begin when switches are laid and dock connected up. In case such switching connections cannot be made the offer is not binding and he does not want the dock at any price.

A committee was appointed to wait upon the O. R. & N. officials Saturday in regard to connecting with the dock, consisting of Attorney Collier, Councilmen Brown and Hillier and Mayor Hendricks. Mr. O'Brien, general manager was absent in Chicago when the delegation called and the matter was discussed with Mr. Coeman. He said the matter would be given immediate attention and that Mr. O'Brien would be notified at once by wire, and the committee was informed that an answer would be given them as soon as possible.

It is now up to the O. R. & N. Co. to make good, and it is no more than right that they should at once begin the construction of the switch. The city has always given this company everything they have asked for, and this would be a splendid opportunity for them to return the compliment. The good will of all our citizens are involved in this matter, and it would be wise for the officials to consider well before the proposition is turned down.

The leasing of the dock to Mr. Gearin will mean much for the city of St. Johns. It means that a number of employees will be needed to handle the grain, that the water front will live up to quite a degree, that the dock of St. Johns will become known abroad, that the interest on the money will be taken care of and a sinking fund created, and will be an inducement for other industries to locate along our shores. All provided that a switch is provided to connect the dock with the railroad. Since there is so much at stake it behooves the O. R. & N. to be good and get busy without delay, and the money thus spent will return to them many fold.

### Mrs. Valentine Won

Mrs. F. W. Valentine came out with flying colors in the Alaska Tour contest inaugurated by the Telegram. The people of St. Johns sided her to the best of their ability and it is very gratifying to learn that she won so handsomely. She had 41,000 votes more than her nearest competitor, which is a remarkable showing since among the entire budget of subscribers which she solicited, not one subscribed for more than one year, which is more than any of the other contestants can claim. The party will leave for the far northern trip June 17th, and that they will have the time of their lives is a foregone conclusion. Mrs. Valentine is one of our most popular young women and is always foremost in aiding any public enterprise. Therefore, it is eminently fitting that she should be chosen as a member of the Alaska party.

## GAS ASSURED FOR ST. JOHNS

Franchise Granted to the Portland Gas Company by the City Dads Tuesday Night and the Gas Mains Will be Laid to St. Johns in Four Months

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening with all members present and Mayor Hendricks in the chair. Minutes of the previous regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

A. L. Miner was present and asked that the sidewalk on Richmond street where it will eventually cross Crawford street on the south side be composed of plank instead of concrete, as he stated that eventually this street would be deeded to the city and in that event a plank walk across that street would be good enough. Council could not see it that way, and decided that if Mr. Miner wanted a crossing at that point instead of side walk he should have dedicated the street to the city before the contract was let, which calls for concrete sidewalk. On motion of Councilman Johnson the proposition was turned down cold.

The attorneys for the Portland

Gas company were present and requested that their ordinance be passed by the council. The franchise was then taken up and passed final passage without comment, as all the dads seemed well satisfied with its provisions. It may be found elsewhere in this issue and furnishes good reading. Every citizen in St. Johns should peruse it.

A resolution was passed requesting the engineer to establish the grade on North Edison street.

Street improvement was then discussed at length. It was found that there are a number of streets ready for improvement and the weather is very auspicious for such work. The engineer is so busy these days that it is impossible to give all of them the attention necessary, and unless help is secured some of the street improvement must lay over indefinitely. Councilman A. W. Davis believed that this work should be prosecuted with vigor, even if it was necessary to secure the services of an additional engineer for a month or two. The property owners are anxious to have their streets improved, and anything to push the work along should be adopted. As none of the councilmen are interested in the improvement of any particular street they are desirous of improving all the streets asked for at the earliest opportunity. The street committee was requested to devise ways and means of pushing the work along.

Bills to the amount of \$1277.65, the greater part of which covered premiums on the insurance of the city dock, were allowed.

The Pacific Stone works were granted permission to erect a temporary platform on Bradford street to convey material into their plant.

The committee on the location of a sub fire station near the French block reported that satisfactory arrangements for same could not be effected at this time.

### Visit Public Schools

General Compton Post G. A. R. visited the city schools last Friday and were cordially received. Besides brief addresses on patriotism the pupils rendered an excellent program, which was appreciated by the old veterans.

Sunday at 3 p. m. the Post and W. R. C. attended divine services at the M. E. Church. A most excellent and highly historic address was made by Rev. Dewart, assisted by Rev. Gates. The choir rendered most excellent and appropriate music and song, which was a strong stimulant to the auditors.

Monday, Memorial day, was truly observed. Business houses were closed during the exercises and day. The Post, W. R. C., L. of G. A. R., city mayor, councilmen, marshal and citizens of the city joined in the parade to the city dock, where ritual exercises were held by the Post and W. R. C. assisted by the L. of G. A. R., after which brief remarks were made by Mayor Hendricks, S. C. Norton and the Post Commander. Then the column was reformed and proceeded to the I. O. O. F. hall, where a lunch was served and highly enjoyed.

The Post wishes, through your columns, to extend their thanks and deep appreciation to the city officials, professional and business men and citizens for their kind, cordial aid rendered this organization.

R. H. Miller, Commandef.

### A Little Premature

The scheme to erect a high suspension bridge across the Willamette River between St. Johns and Whitwood Court has been projected. It is said that for such a bridge the United Railways would be willing to contribute a considerable portion of the cost, or pay rental for the use of the same if the company can gain access to the Swift Packing Company's plant.

Some time ago plans were drawn for a high bridge at this place. However, the project is a future matter. No doubt an effort would be made to have the county pay for the erection of this bridge, to which objections would be urged at this time.

Probably some time in the future the whole of the Peninsula will be made part of Portland, and then the bridge might be built by the city. A great population and a manufacturing center are sure of development on the Peninsula within ten years. Then a bridge across the Willamette, but it would be difficult to finance such an undertaking at the present time.—Oregonian.

D. L. Jackson is remodeling and altering his livery and feed emporium at corner of Jersey and Polk streets and converting same into a first class store room, in which an up-to-date grocery will be conducted by E. D. Vinson of this city. This location is an ideal one for a store of this nature, and the new occupant will no doubt meet with marked success.

### Busy on West Side

Much activity is shown in West Side real estate north of Portland. Each of the many additions between Portland and Burlington reports many sales and the erection of substantial residences.

L. H. Roe, of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, has lately purchased a lot and will erect a modern bungalow at once in Whitwood Court. Leander Peiton has purchased the cottage of E. L. Stockton and will occupy it about June 16. Mr. Stockton has begun the erection of a modern bungalow on the hillside opposite the Claremont, which is to be of modern construction.

W. J. Bailey will soon begin the erection of a five-room cottage and two other houses are now in course of erection. The cottage of Captain Frank Batter has been leased by Thomas Glover, who will occupy it after June 1. J. B. Holbrook and associates have purchased the Dr. Jones tract lying between Whitwood and Glen Harbor and will place it on the market.

The work of laying sewers and water mains at Glen Harbor is fast nearing completion. A well 400 feet deep will furnish water for this place.

The same means of supply will be used at Waldmere, a contract for the well having been let.

The Oregon Improvement Company has contracted to grade the streets of Waldmere and will move some 30,000 yards of earth in so doing. The contract calls for the completion of the work by September 1. The work of bulkheading the Columbia Steel Company's dock and grading its building site at this point is being pushed as rapidly as possible and the work of laying sidetracks and erecting buildings will be started in the near future.

The new two-story Linnton Savings Bank, built of cement blocks, is finished and adds much to the appearance of that town. The matter of incorporating the town is again being discussed and at no distant day will be put to a vote of the people, and probably carried by a good majority. The citizens believe that they will greatly benefit thereby in being able to make needed improvements and pass laws to regulate the speed of Northern Pacific and United Railways trains and of reckless auto driving. They are much incensed at the refusal of the United Railways to grant them the promised 5-cent fare and expect to take the matter into court if this rate is not given them.

At Harborton many sales both of lots and acreage are being made and substantial improvements installed. F. E. Clemons, superintendent of the Bain shingle mill; C. W. Watts, of M. J. Walsh Co., and Robert Hume, president of the Star Sand Company, have purchased lots and will erect homes there this Summer.—Oregonian.

An automobile caught fire near the Claremont tavern Monday and was completely wrecked before the flames were subdued.

### Rather Embarrassing

A story has just come to light regarding a well known bashful young man of Burley which is too good to be filed away in a pigeon hole.

It appears this young man called on a young lady friend recently to spend the evening, and when ready to take his departure discovered that a heavy rain was falling. As rains are few and far between in Burley the young man had neglected to provide himself with an umbrella or rubber coat, and when the girl's father came to the rescue by asking him to remain until morning, he readily consented.

The next morning when he was invited to a seat at the table he very reluctantly accepted. He was nervous and agitated as he sat opposite a mirror and discovered that he had forgotten to comb his hair. Then he dropped his fork on the floor and in stooping to pick it up upset his coffee. Matters went from bad to worse until in despair the young man quit eating and put his hands under the table. The loose end of the table cloth was lying in his lap and when he touched it he turned pale. He thought it was his shirt and that in his nervous excitement he had neglected to put the garment inside his trousers. There was no time to lose. He hurriedly stuffed the supposed shirt inside his trousers. Ten minutes later when the family arose from the table there was a crash. The dishes lay in a broken mass upon the floor while the young man pulled three feet of table cloth out of his trousers and fled.—Burley Bulletin.

### Drowned Saturday

A. T. Bolden received the sad intelligence Sunday that his son, Emmett Bolden, had been drowned at Chilliwack, B. C., May 29. Mr. Bolden was married and resided at Bellingham, Wash. He was 25 years of age.

A correspondent to the city papers from that point gives the following version of the accident: Driving along a road skirting Camp slough which contained about six feet of water, the horse stepped off into the slough, and Emmett W. H. Bolden and Mrs. Shepard of Bellingham, Wash., lost their lives Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Bolden, who lives on a ranch near the scene of the drowning, saw the horse and buggy disappear and heard a cry for help. She quickly warned a neighbor who went to the assistance of the pair in a boat. He found the horse struggling in the water, but no trace of the two occupants of the buggy. Later the bodies were recovered and taken to Chilliwack, where an inquest was held and a verdict of accidental death was returned. The bodies have been sent to Bellingham, Wash. Mrs. Shepard leaves a husband and three small children in Bellingham.

For rare bargains in all kinds of realty see P. Hill.

## MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

S. C. Norton Delivered a Splendid Oration

Memorial day, May 31, was a very quiet one in St. Johns. The weather was perfect, not a cloud marring the glorious sunshine and the serenity of the atmosphere. Services by the G. A. R. and W. R. C. were held in the new city dock. They marched in a body from the Odd Fellows' hall followed by a number of our citizens. The usual sad and impressive exercises were begun after the dock was reached. A monument to represent the graves of that noble band who had gone before had been erected and it was lovingly and gently decorated with beautiful flowers, which were also strewn upon the water in memory of those who had lost their lives upon the deep. The city council attended in a body and a neat and appropriate address was made by Mayor Hendricks. Several fine vocal selections were rendered by the choir. S. C. Norton was the principal speaker of the day and he delivered a splendid address. It showed a close knowledge of the trials and tribulations the old veterans experienced while fighting for Old Glory, and was a glowing tribute to the men who wore the blue. The address was well received and heartily applauded by the audience. Commander Miller spoke a few well chosen remarks, which concluded the exercises, and the return march was made. Lunch was served in the I. O. O. F. for the G. A. R., W. R. C. and soldiers of the Mexican and Spanish wars.

A sad feature of the day was the demonstration that the old soldiers are rapidly getting older, grayer, more feeble and the ranks are being thinned more and more each year, and it will not be long until the last remnant of this noble band will have passed to their last resting place. They deserve all the honor and respect that can be accorded them for the great work they have accomplished in the past, and it is with deep sadness that their feeble steps are noted each year wending their way to honor and glorify their comrades who have passed to the great beyond with loving floral tributes.

### To the G. A. R.

By S. C. Norton.

All honor to the veteran.  
'Twas he that made the millions free.  
'Tis his morning of the last day—  
He can hear the reville.

He has fought his battles nobly;  
He is now the nation's guest.  
His days will soon be numbered;  
History has told the rest.

He must answer his last roll-call;  
Lay aside his arm and straps.  
Fold the flag upon his casket;  
Hark, his requiem! 'tis TAPS.

Memorial day 1909.

### A Pleasant Outing

The Grace Church male chorus of Portland, together with their wives and lady friends, spent a most enjoyable evening Monday, through the courtesy of Capt. Edwards, U. S. Inspector, the steamer Ruth of Portland was placed at our disposal for a ride on the river. Leaving Portland at 5:30, we went to Magoon's Park, near Oregon City, where a stop was made until 8 p. m. Before starting on the return trip the boys sang several songs. Then came supper prepared by the boys on the lower deck. We sang all the way to Portland, arriving about 10 p. m. Before leaving the dock we gave "three cheers and a tiger" for the captain and crew. One of the bunch.

The North Bank Pharmacy has put in a soda fountain of the very latest and most approved style which is certainly a beauty. Mr. Currin has made other attractive improvements and everything shines like a nigger's heel. Drop in and try a soda or a dish of the famous Hazelwood ice cream.

## BIG WEEK FOR PORTLAND

Superb Program Outlined For Rose Carnival

All eyes are on the Portland Rose Festival, that opens Monday, June 7th, and lasts the whole week. During the coming few days the city will be brave with Festival decorations and homage will be paid to the queen of flowers by her thousands of devotees. Bigger attendance than ever before promised. The parades will outdo anything before attempted and other attractions of Festival week will be ahead of former efforts. Information received by the management indicates an unusual movement of tourists this way, while out-of-town people are expected to flock here in large numbers. The city plans to keep open house for the week and all visitors will be made welcome.

Monday, the opening day, will be "Home Coming Day" with a spectacular night pageant. The Rose show will open on Tuesday and there will be a grand electric parade. The following day there will be a competitive rose exhibit and an automobile parade in the afternoon. On Thursday the horse and vehicle parade will be given with a night pageant, "The Spirit of the Golden West." On Friday business firms of the city will keep open house and extend a general welcome to visitors. Races at the Country Club in the afternoon will delight visitors. Further chariot and harness races at the Country Club will follow on Saturday, the final day, and the annual speed contests of automobiles will be held. On Saturday night there will be a grand electrical pageant and Festival will end in a blaze of glory. These are but a few of the attractions of the week, for everyone will be on the qui vive to entertain the Festival guests.

### High School Debate

The last regular meeting of the Boys' Debating club was held at the high school Friday, May 23. The question for debate was: "Resolved, That the study of High School Mathematics is More Beneficial Than the Study of High School English." "Bric" Doyle and "Billie" Wood argued in favor of mathematics, while Ernest Crouchley and Earl Crouchley supported the study of English. Good arguments were advanced on both sides, and not until the judges had brought in a decision in favor of English could the result be told. Quite a lengthy business meeting then ensued, after which the meeting adjourned. Immediately after adjournment the boys were informed that something very serious was likely to happen, and the teachers desired to see them all in the office before they departed for their homes. When they arrived there they almost fell over themselves as they beheld a repair fit for a king. The office was full of eatables and the inner men were soon amply satisfied. Afterward those that were not too full for utterance sang a couple hundred songs and almost tore the roof off the building. Dancing was also indulged in, there being two couples on the floor. The affair was a very delightful one and everybody retired tired but exuberantly happy. Reporter.

### A Good Contract

Foss Bros. have secured the contract for an irrigation project covering eighty acres of land at Gilbert station on the Etatecaca car line. The contract involves 1800 rods of ditching and the laying of water pipes for irrigation and domestic purposes. Green-Whitcomb & Co. own this tract and intend selling it out in acre tracts at \$500 per acre. Foss Bros. now have a large force of men at work and will push progress with their accustomed vigor.

The Bachelor's club will give an invitation dance in Bickner's hall Thursday, June 17th, and a most enjoyable event is anticipated.